# EAT LESS FAT

It may lower your chances of getting some kinds of cancer.

### Here's How...

- Cut extra fat from your meat and throw the fat away.
- Before you eat chicken, take off the skin and throw it away.
- 3 Use less fat to cook vegetables.
  - Cut a piece of fat meat the size you normally use when you cook vegetables.
  - Then cut this piece in half.
  - Now cut it in half again.
  - Use only one piece of this fat meat to cook your vegetables.
    You will be using 1/4 the fat you usually use.

- Cook vegetables with:
  - Fresh turkey parts without skin
    - Fresh garlic, onions, celery, and bell peppers
    - × Lemon juice
- Pour the fat from the frying pan before you make gravy.
  Throw the fat away.
- Broil, boil, bake, or pan broil your meat instead of frying it. This is how you pan broil it:
  - Spray nonstick oil in the bottom of a frying pan. Let it get hot.
  - Put the meat in the pan. Do not add any more nonstick spray.
  - X Turn meat often.
  - Pour the fat from the pan as the meat cooks. Throw the fat away.

## To Keep From Eating Too Much Fat...

- Try not to eat fried foods
- When fat cooks out of meat, pour it off, and throw it away
- Use leaner cuts of meat
- Limit your use of solid fats, such as butter and hard margarines
- Use vegetable oils as a substitute
- Choose fat-free or low-fat types of milk products
- Eat cooked dry beans, peas, and fish more often
- Use the Nutrition Facts Label (on food labels) to help choose foods lower in total fat, especially saturated fat

#### What Is Your Limit On Fat?

<b>Total Calories</b> per Day	Saturated Fat in Grams*	<b>Total Fat</b> in Grams*
1,600	18 or less	53
2,000**	20 or less	65
2,200	24 or less	73
2,500**	25 or less	80
2,800	31 or less	93

<sup>\*</sup> These limits are less than 10% of calories for saturated fat, and 30% of calories for total fat.

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